THE COMMUNIST PARTY

A PROUD

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO there were a number of separate Socialist organisations in Britain.

In August 1920, a joint Conference of the British Socialist Party (which was affiliated to the Labour Party) and other smaller Socialist organisations met and decided to merge in a Communist Party.

In 1921 it was also joined by the Workers' Socialist Federation, and by groups of militant shop stewards and of Left members of the Independent Labour Party.

The Communist Party therefore grew out of the most militant sections of the Labour movement. It has been reinforced since then by thousands of Socialist-minded Trade Unionists and Co-operators, men and women, scientists, teachers, and other professional workers.

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THE COMMUNIST PARTY has a proud record.

It alone within the British Labour movement has worked consistently to strengthen and unite the whole of the working class and progressive middle class in the fight for better wages and conditions, for democratic rights, for peace and Socialism.

It has worked consistently to explain to the people the true nature of capitalism and imperialism, and to show the need for a new social order—Socialism.

It has worked consistently to help the colonial peoples in their struggle for justice and freedom.

The Communist Party has played this great part in the Labour movement and will play an even greater part in

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the future, because its programme and policy are based entirely on the interests of the working people of Britain.

This is why it is attacked and misrepresented by the rich property-owning class that lives on the backs of working people; and by those leaders in the Labour Party, Trade Unions and Co-operatives who have lost touch with the workers and abandoned the militant, Socialist policy on which the movement has been built up.

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IN 1955 Britain stands at the parting of the ways. One-third of the people of the world have already gone over to Socialism. The remaining capitalist world, led by the most powerful and aggressive imperialists of the United States, are organising to destroy Socialism and the peoples with hydrogen bombs.

Which way is Britain to go? Towards Socialism, or towards death?

YOU can help to decide.

A STRONGER COMMUNIST PARTY can win the whole Labour movement for a militant Socialist policy and leadership which can sweep the country and end Tory rule for ever. It can open the way for a firm policy of peace and the building of Socialism in our country.

That is why we ask you to become a member of the Communist Party, and to bring in those of your friends and workmates who also want to work with us for a peaceful, prosperous, Socialist Britain.

THE AIMS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

(Section I of the Communist Party's Rules)

The aim of the Communist Party is to achieve a Socialist Britain in which the social ownership of the means of production and exchange shall replace the existing capitalist system and the exploitation of man by man. Socialism creates the conditions for the ultimate goal of Communism, based on the principle: From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs.

Only a Socialist Britain, co-operating with all other peoples of the world in close, friendly, free and equal association, will be able so to develop and plan the use of all Britain's material, productive and scientific resources, that every citizen will be guaranteed security, the right to work and leisure, a steadily rising standard of living, liberty, and equal opportunity to enjoy a full and happy life.

The Communist Party, which is the vanguard of the working class, guided by the scientific principles of Marxism-Leninism, unites within its ranks those who are prepared to work for the achievement of Socialism. Believing that this aim can be attained only by the will of the great majority of the people, led by the working class, the Party shall:

(a) work to strengthen the organisation, political understanding and united action of the workers by hand and brain for the advancement of their standards and conditions in the struggle against capitalism, for the realisation of world peace and for the achievement of Socialism;

(b) work to maintain and extend all democratic rights of organisation, demonstration and strike, public speech, Press, assembly, and representation in Parliament and local authorities, with a view to developing a united movement of the people to elect a Parliament and Government which shall end the economic and political power of the capitalist class and establish a real people's democracy;

(c) work for the removal of all discrimination based on race, colour, sex or religion;

(d) support the common struggle of all peoples in the British Empire for national independence in order to transform the existing imperialist Empire, based on unequal rights, into a voluntary fraternal association of peoples based on equal rights;

(e) co-operate with the peoples of all countries for the defence of peace, and for the advance of freedom, democratic rights and social and economic conditions.

The Communist Party bases its international outlook on the common interests and aspirations of the working class in all countries, and is therefore in comradeship with the Communist and Workers' Parties of other countries for the victory of the common aims of the working class.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I wish to join the Communist Party. Please put me in touch with the nearest Branch.

Name .....

Address .....

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Date..... .....

Hand to a steward at any Communist Party meeting,
or post to Harry Pollitt, 16 *King Street, London, W.C.*2.

SOME COMMUNIST PARTY PUBLICATIONS

THE BRITISH ROAD TO SOCIALISM

Price **4d.**

This is the Programme of the Communist Party, setting out its policy for an alliance of all sections of the people to establish a People's Government, and showing the practical steps which such a Government would take to end the rule of the rich and use Britain's resources for the people.

THE CHALLENGE TO LABOUR

Price **1s.**

This is the Report given by Harry Pollitt to the last National Congress of the Communist Party, stating the policy of the Communist Party on home, foreign and colonial affairs

WORLD NEWS

Price **6d.**

This is the weekly journal issued by the Communist Party, with articles on political, industrial, social and cultural questions.

Communist Party publications are obtainable from progressive bookshops; Central Books Ltd., 2 Parton Street, London, W.C.1 ; or the Communist Party, 16 King Street, London, W.C.2

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